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SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Information about the prevalence of HIV and malaria

Interviewer: Before going to the field to do the interview, fill in this section from the survey or surveillance record for the deceased.

Q1101 *(10002)*	Is this an area of high HIV/AIDS prevalence?	1. High 2. Low 3. Very low	☐
Q1102 *(10003)*	Is this a region of high malaria prevalence?	1. High 2. Low 3. Very low	☐
Q1103 *(10004)*	During which season did the child/she/he die?	1. Wet 2. Dry 9. DK	☐

1.2 Information about the deceased

Interviewer: Before going to the field to do the interview, fill in this section from the survey or surveillance record for the deceased.

Q1201	Address of the household *Copy the household address.* *LOCAL ADAPTATION: Levels 1, 2 and 5 mean the largest, second and fifth largest geographic divisions in the country. EA means the census enumeration area.* *(Mozambique: Province, District, Administrative post, Locality, Community)*	Province _____ District _____ Admin Post _____ Locality _____ Community _____ EA _____	☐☐ ☐☐ ☐☐ ☐☐ ☐☐☐ ☐☐☐
	Directions to the household *[Copy the directions to the household]*		
Q1202	Name of the deceased (if known) *[Copy the name of the deceased]*		
Q1203	Sex of deceased *[Copy the sex of the deceased]*	1. Male 2. Female 9. Don't know	☐
Q1204	Date of birth of the deceased *[Copy the day, month and year of birth of the deceased]*		__ __ / __ __ / __ __ __ __ D D M M Y Y Y Y *(DK = 99/99/9999)*

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Q1205	Date of death of the deceased *[Copy the day, month and year of death of the deceased]*	__ __ / __ __ / __ __ __ __ *(DK = 99/99/9999)*
Q1206	Last known age of the deceased *Copy the last known age of the deceased: Record days if less than 28 days—if less than 24 hours, record "00" days; Record months if 28 days-23 months; Record years if 2 years or older.*	__ __ Days: *1 or more* → **Q1208** __ __ Months → **Q1208** __ __ Years: <12 → **Q1208** 12+ → **Q1209**

Q1207	Was this a stillbirth or neonatal death? *[Copy this information from the cloud server]*	1. Stillbirth 2. Neonatal death 9. Not known from the record	☐
Q1208 (10062)	Name of mother *[Copy the name of the mother (only for stillbirths, neonatal and child deaths)]*		
Q1209 (10061)	Name of father or household head *[Copy the name of the father for stillbirths, neonatal and child deaths]* *[Copy the name of the household head for adult deaths]*		

1.3: Information about the interview

Interviewer: Before and after the interview, fill in this section. These questions should not be asked of the respondent.

Q1301	Language of the interview		
Q1302 *(10010)*	Interviewer ID number	_____	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Q1303	Dates of attempted and successful interviews	**DATE**	**RESULT OF THE INTERVIEW**
Q1304	Date of first interview attempt	__ __ / __ __ / __ __ __ __ D D M M Y Y Y Y	**Q1311.1 Interim result:** ☐
Q1305	Date of second interview attempt	__ __ / __ __ / __ __ __ __ D D M M Y Y Y Y	**Q1311.2 Interim result:** ☐
Q1306	Date of third interview attempt	__ __ / __ __ / __ __ __ __ D D M M Y Y Y Y	**Q1311.3 Interim result:** ☐
Q1307 *(10012)*	Date interview started *[Equals date of the last attempt]*	__ __ / __ __ / __ __ __ __ D D M M Y Y Y Y	

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Q1308 *(10011)*	Time interview started *[Record hour 1-24 / minutes 1-60]*	__ __ / __ __ H R M M	
Q1309	Date interview finished *[Equals date started or a later date]*	__ __ / __ __ / __ __ __ __ D D M M Y Y Y Y	**Q1311.4 Final result:** ☐
Q1310 *(10481)*	Time interview finished *[Record hour 1-24 / minutes 1-60]*	__ __ / __ __ H R M M	
Q1311	**Interview result codes:** 1. Completed (Final result code) 2. Partially completed (Final result code) 3. Eligible respondent postponed interview 4. No eligible respondent at home at time of visit 5. Eligible respondent refused interview	6. No eligible respondent lives in the household or neighborhood 7. No household member at home 8. Dwelling vacant / destroyed / not found 9. In progress (Interim result code) 10. Person reported dead is actually alive 11. Duplicate report of death – interview already conducted 12. Death not eligible	
Q1312	Date form checked by supervisor	__ __ / __ __ / __ __ __ __ D D M M Y Y Y Y	
Q1313	Date entered in computer	__ __ / __ __ / __ __ __ __ D D M M Y Y Y Y	

IDENTIFY THE BEST RESPONDENT

Instructions to interviewer: Read the VASA study recruitment scripts in order to introduce yourself to the household, explain the purpose of your visit, and identify the best respondent. The recruitment scripts will guide you to ask to speak to the adult who was the deceased's main caregiver during the illness that led to death. For stillbirths and child deaths, this will usually be the mother of the deceased. For adults, the best respondent is often the deceased's spouse or other close relative. If the best respondent is not available, then arrange a time to revisit the household when the caregiver will be at home and free to participate in the interview.

Consent

INTERVIEWER: Read the consent form to the respondent. Ask the respondent if he or she has any questions. Once any questions are answered, ask the respondent if he or she is willing to take part in the study.

Q1405 *(10013)*	*INTERVIEWER: Did respondent give consent?*	1. Yes 2. No	☐ **2 → Thank respondent for their time and end the interview.**

1.4 Information about the respondent

Complete items Q1401-4 from your introductory discussion with the selected respondent.

Q1401 *(10007)*	*What is the respondent's name?*		
Q1402	*INTERVIEWER: Record the sex of the respondent.*	1. Male 2. Female 9. Don't know	☐

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Q1403 *(10008)*	*What is the respondent's relationship to the deceased?*	1. Spouse 2. Mother 3. Father 4. Grandmother 5. Grandfather 6. Son 7. Daughter 8. Aunt 9. Uncle 10. Brother 11. Sister 12. Birth attendant *(specify type)* .... 13. Other male *(specify)* .... 14. Other female *(specify)*	☐ ☐ _____ _____ _____
Q1404 *(10009)*	*Did the respondent live with the deceased in the period leading to her/his death?*	1. Yes 2. No 9. Don't know	☐
Q1406	How old are you?		___ ___ Years *(DK = 99)*
Q1407	Have you ever attended school?	1. Yes 2. No 9. Don't know	☐ **2 or 9 → Q1410**
Q1408 (10063)	What is the highest level of school you attended?	*Grade/Year* *0. Pre-school(01-02-03)* *1. Literacy class (Year: 01-02-03)* *2. Primary EP1 (Grade: 01-05)* *3. Primary EP2 (Grade: 06-07)* *4. Secondary ESG1 (Grade: 08-10)* *5. Secondary ESG2 (Grade:11-12)* *6. Elementary Technical (Year: 01-03)* *7. Basic Technical (Year: 01-03)* *8. Mid-Level Technical (Year: 01-03)* *9. Teacher Training (Year: 01-03)* *10. Higher (Year: 01-07)* *99. Don't know* *88. Refused to answer*	☐
Q1409	What is the highest [GRADE/ YEAR] you completed at that level? *If general education, read: what is the highest grade you completed?* *If technical education, read: what is the highest year you completed at this level?* *If completed less than 1 year at that level, record '00'.*		___ ___ Grade/ Year **>=8 → Q1411** *(DK = 99)*
Q1410	Now I would like you to read this sentence to me. (*Show card to respondent*) *If s/he cannot read the whole sentence, probe:* Can you read any part of the sentence to me? **Examples of statements for the reading test:** *1. the child is reading a book.* *2. this year the rain came late.* *3. parents should look after their children.*	1. Unable to read anything 2. Can only read parts of the statement 3. Can read the entire statement 4. No statement in the language requested (Specify the language) 5. Blind/mute, problems with vision/speech	☐ _____

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Read: I would now like to ask you some questions about (your / the family's) household. Please remember that all information will be kept confidential.

[Read "...the family's household." if you are not conducting the interview at the household where the death was identified.]

Q1411	How many people live at (this / that) household? *[Read "…at that address?" if you are speaking of "the family's household."]*	___ ___ People *(DK = 99)*
Q1412	How many rooms are used for sleeping in the household?	___ ___ Rooms *(DK = 99)*
Q1413	Does the household have a separate room for cooking?	1. Yes 2. No 9. Don't know	☐

Q1414	Does the household have: *[Ask about each possession, and mark each one "Yes," "No" or "Don't know."]*		Yes	No	DK
		1. electricity?	1. ☐	2. ☐	9. ☐
		2. radio?	1. ☐	2. ☐	9. ☐
		3. television?	1. ☐	2. ☐	9. ☐
		4. refrigerator?	1. ☐	2. ☐	9. ☐
		5. fixed line telephone?..............................	1. ☐	2. ☐	9. ☐
		6. mobile telephone?	1. ☐	2. ☐	9. ☐
		7. computer?	1. ☐	2. ☐	9. ☐
		8. bicycle?	1. ☐	2. ☐	9. ☐
		9. motorcycle or scooter?	1. ☐	2. ☐	9. ☐
		10. car or truck?	1. ☐	2. ☐	9. ☐

Q1415	What is the main source of drinking water in this household?	1. Piped water inside the house? 2. Piped water outside the house/yard? 3. Piped water in the neighbor's house? 4. Public tap/standpipe? 5. Borehole/protected well with manual pump? 6. Protected well without manual pump 7. Unprotected well? 8. Spring water? 9. Surface water (river, lake, ponds)? 10. Rainwater? 11. Tanker truck / loaded on drums? 12. Bottled water? 99. Don't know	☐
Q1416	What type of toilet do members of the household usually use?	1. Flush toilet inside the house? 2. Flush toilet outside the house? 3. Toilet without flushing 4. Improved latrine 5. Improved traditional latrine 6. Unimproved latrine 7. No latrine/toilet 8. Other *(specify)*...................................... 9. Don't know	☐ _____
Q1417	What is the main source of energy or fuel the household uses for cooking?	1. Electricity 2. Natural gas 3. Petrol/paraffin/kerosene 4. Mineral coal 5. Charcoal 6. Firewood 7. Animal dung 8. No food cooked in the household 9. Other (specify)...................................... 99. Don't know	☐ _____

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Q1418	What is the main source of energy the household uses for lighting?	1. Electricity 2. Generator / Solar 3. Gas 4. Petrol/paraffin/kerosene 5. Candles 6. Batteries 7. Firewood 8. PILHAS 9. Other (specify) .... 99. Don't know	☐
Q1419	What is the main material used for the floor of the house? *[If you are able to observe the floor, then mark the correct answer and do not ask this question.]*	1. Earth beaten? Clay 2. Earth not beaten 3. Rudimentary wood 4. Adobe 5. Parquet or polished wood 6. Tiles 7. Cement 8. Other (specify).. 9. Don't know	☐
Q1420	What is the main material used for the roof of the house? *[If you are able to observe the floor, then mark the correct answer and do not ask this question.]*	1. No roof 2. Grass/stem/palm 3. Sheets of Zinc 4. Sheets of Lusalites 5. Tiles 6. Concrete slab (cement) 7. Other (specify).. 9. Don't know	☐
Q1421	What is the main material used for the exterior walls of the house? *[If you are able to observe the floor, then mark the correct answer and do not ask this question.]*	1. No wall 2. Cane/sticks/bamboo/palm 3. Tin/cardboard/paper/bags 4. Matched paws 5. Bark 6. Wood / Zinc 7. Block of adobe 8. Bricks 9. Cement block 10.Other (specify) .... 99. Don't know	☐

1.5 Information about others at the interview

Q1501	*INTERVIEWER: Are there other people present during the interview?*	1. Yes 2. No	☐ **2 → Q1601**
Q1502	*INTERVIEWER: In addition to the respondent, how many people are present during the interview? (Please do not include the respondent in the count)*	___ ___ People *(DK = 99)*
Q1503	*INTERVIEWER: What is each other person's relationship to the deceased person?*	1. Spouse .... 2. Mother .... 3. Father .... 4. Grandmother.. 5. Grandfather.. 6. Son 7. Daughter 8. Aunt .... 9. Uncle .... 10. Brother.. 11. Sister .... 12. Birth attendant (specify type).................. 13. Other male (specify) .... 14. Other female (specify)	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ _____ ☐ _____

1.6 Deceased child or adults sex and age at death

Interviewer: Now I'd like to ask you about the deceased person.

Q1601 (10019)	What was the sex of the deceased?	1. Male 2. Female 9. Don't know	☐
Q1602 (10020)	Is the date of birth known?	1. Yes 2. No 9. Don't know	☐ **2 → Q1604**
Q1603 (10021)	When was the deceased born? *Compare the date of birth just stated by the respondent to the birth date from the prior record (Q1204). Discuss any inconsistency with the respondent to confirm or correct the stated delivery date. You cannot change the prior record's date (Q1204).*		__ __ / __ __ / __ __ __ __ D D M M Y Y Y Y
Q1604 (10058)	Where did the deceased die?	1. Hospital 2. Other health provider or facility 3. On route to a health provider or facility 4. Home 5. Other *(specify)*....................................... 9. Don't know	☐ _____
Q1605 (10022)	Is the date of death known?	1. Yes 2. No	☐ **2 → Q1607**
Q1606 (10023)	What was the date of death? *Compare the date of death just stated by the respondent to the date of death from the prior record (Q1205). Discuss any inconsistency with the respondent to confirm or correct the stated date. You cannot change the prior record's date (Q1205).*		__ __ / __ __ / __ __ __ __ D D M M Y Y Y Y

Record only the calculated age OR the stated age. First try to calculate the age. If this is not possible, then ask the respondent for the deceased's age at death.

Q1607 (AAAA)	*CALCULATE THE AGE AT DEATH* *Calculate the age at death from the date of death and the birth date (Q1606 – Q1603). If only the month and year are known, calculate the approximate age in months or years. Discuss the calculated age with the respondent: I have calculated that the deceased was <CALCULATED AGE> at death. Is this correct?* *If the respondent does not agree with the calculated age, then again discuss the delivery date and date of death to make sure that these are correct. If the calculated age at death cannot be resolved, then go below to the "STATED AGE" box.* *Record the age in days if less than 28 days—if less than 24 hours, record "00" days; Record months if 28 days-23 months; Record years if 2 years or older.* *After recording the calculated age → Q1609*	__ __ Days *(if < 28 days)* __ __ Months *(if 1-23 months)* __ __ Years *(if 2 years or older)*
Q1608 (AAAA)	*STATED AGE AT DEATH (Ask only if the calculated age cannot be determined)* How old was the deceased at the time of death? *Compare the age at death just stated by the respondent to the deceased's last known age from the prior record (Q1206). Discuss any inconsistency with the respondent to confirm or correct the stated age. You cannot change the prior record's age (Q1206). Partly known birth and death dates might help resolve the stated age. For example, if the deceased was a child that was born and died in the same month, then this is likely a neonatal death.* *Record the age in days if less than 28 days—if less than 24 hours, record "00" days; Record months if 28 days-23 months; Record years if 2 years or older.*	__ __ Days *(if < 28 days)* __ __ Months *(if 1-23 months)* __ __ Years *(if 2 years or older)*

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Q1609 *(Age_ group)*	*Mark the deceased's age group at the time of death.* *Use the calculated age (Q1604 – Q1602) if known, or the stated age (Q1606).*	1. Less than 28 days old 2. 1-11 months old 3. 12 months-4 years old 4. 5-11 years old 5. 12 years or more	☐ **1 → Continue (Q1610)** **2 → Child form (C3001)** **3, 4 → Child form (C3012)** **5 → Adult form (A4001)**
Q1610 *(AAAA)*	*If less than 28 days old at death, record the age in days, hours or minutes:* • *If 1 day or older, record the Q1607 calculated age if available, or record the Q1608 stated age.* • *If less than 1 day, ask and record the reported age in hours.* • *If less than 1 hour, ask and record the reported age in minutes.*	__ __ Days __ __ Hours __ __ Minutes	
Inst_1 → SB/NN form (N2001)			